News From the Departments---New Posts, etc.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT. Preparations for the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting

of the G.A.R. Quite a number of Department Headquarters have been assigned that of the Commander-inbeing at the Ebbitt House. At the same hotel the following Departments will be stationed: Rhode Island, New York, Lilinois, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Colorado, Texas, and Kansas. At the Randall, Connecticut and Kentucky: Eiggs, Ohio, Indiana, and New Hampshire; Metropolitan, Vermont; Arlington, Michigan; National Rifles' Armory, New Jersey, as the guest of Aaron Wilkes Post, 23, Trenton, N. J.; Everett, California; Morton, Maine. The Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts will be at the Ebbitt; of Maryland, at 620 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, The old 6th Mass., 225 men, will be in the Webster Building: special escort to the Commander-in-Chief from Albany, at the Ebbitt; several New Hampshire Regimental Associations, 100 men, at the Sister House, corner Second and B streets northwest; The Northwest Veteran Association, of the Department of Pennsylvania, 923 F street porthwest; U. S. Veteran Signal Corps Association, Georgetown Law School Building, E street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and will hold their meetings there all that week, and have been assigned a place in line on the day of the parade by order of the Commander-in Chief; 10th N. Y. Cav. Association, 75 men, at the Lincoln, Tenth and H streets; 75th N. Y. Ra-imental Volunteer Association, 160 men, at 211 North Capital street.

The number of Posts from the various States so far assigned are as follows: Massachusetts, 72 Ohio, 45; Connecticut, 11; Maine, three; Rhade Island, 17, Illinois, four; Kentucky, eight; New York, 37; Pennsylvania, 13; New Jersey, nine, Missouri, three; Michigan, 11; Indiana, nine; and New Hampshire, six. Additional men, whose Posts have not been designated, have been assigned to various places, aggregating 600 from Delaware, 900 from Indiana, 600 from Minnesota and Dakota, and 250 from New Hampshire. The following G.A.R. Posts secured quarters last

Francis Washburn Post, 92, Brighton, Mass., for 150 members and 150 citizens and ladies at 1528 to 1538 I street northwest; delegation from Essex County, Mass., numbering 600, representing the following Posts; Col. Allen Post, 45, Gloucester; Union Post, 50, Peabody; Alien Post, 67, Manchester; J. W. Chipman, Jr., Post, 89, Beverly; Ward Post, 90, Danvers; O. W. Wallace Post, 106, Rockport; Everett Peabody Post, 108, Georgetown; James L. Bates Post, 118, Swampscott; Gen. James Appleton Post, 128, Ipswich; O. H. Sargent Post, 152, Essex; James A. Perking Post, 156, Everett; Preston Post, 188, Beverly Farms; at the Auder-son Annex, C and Four-and-a-half streets northwest, Alexander Post, 158, Piqua, O.; for 50 memers at 1200 Four-and a-half street southwest; J. P. Rice Post, 69, Westminster, Mass., for 50 members, 922 Fourteenth street northwest; Gen. D. B. Birney Post, 63, Philadelphia, Pa., for 125 members, Henry Building; Chaplain Butler Post, 35. Paterson, N. J., for 85 members, Arthur Building; Scott Bradley Post, 177, Lee, Mass., for 40 members, Arthur Building; delegation from Jefferson County, Ky., of 225 members, representing the following Posts: George H. Thomas Post, 6, Louisville; W. A Whittaker Post, 75, Louisville; W. T. Ward Post, 85, Louisville; J. T. Boyle Post, 109, Louisville; August Willich Post, 132, Louisville; W. P. Boone Post, 170, Louisville; W. T. Sherman he has met with. Post, 185, Louisville; W. H. Lytle Post, 70, Fisher-Maintien Post, 133, Plainfield, Mass., for 25 members, at 802 K street northwest.

Frederic Cossum, President, Auburn, N. Y .: NEW YORK .-Through the kindness of Capt, F. A. Hopping, have contracted for a hotel on Capitol Hill, 211 North Capitol street, three doors from the Capitol Grounds, for use of the 75th comrades during the 26th National Encampment in September, in the Capital City of the United States. Accommodations for 150, and those comrades whose wives and children wish to attend can have quarters secured in the same house by informing me at once. The price will be \$2 per day for board and lodging. We propose to hold the 12th annual Reunion of the 75th N. Y. on Sept. 17, in Auburn, N. Y., and move on to Washington, via special train in the afternoon, and I trust the old 75th will be as well represented as any of the regiments. In notifying me please state whether you will come to Auburn and go with the regiment, or join us in Washington.

## ILLINOIS ENCAMPMENT.

A Successful Meeting in the Beautiful City of Springfield.

The 26th annual meeting of the Illinois Department took place in Springfield. A lengthy parade was made. The address of Commander Horace C. Clark was very interesting. The number of Posts that elected him Commander was 595, with a mema net gain of 343 members and 25 organized Posts, the highest membership ever reached in this Department. From a total gain of 4,283, deaths and other causes had removed 3.9.0. They had lost by discharge 268 members, but 147 had voluntarily withdrawn, and 2,107 were suspended. One hundred and fifty-five members were lost to the Department by delinquent reports, and 477 died, A claim for seniority of Department will be presented to the National Encampment against that of Wiscousin. For this purpose the committee was appointed: Ex-Gov. Richard J.

Oglesby, Chairman; Maj. J. A. Connelly, Spring-field; Maj. R. M. Woods, Joliet; T. G. Lawler, Rockford; Gen. H. H. Thomas, Chicago; Gen. Horace Ciark, Mattoon. Commander-in-Chief Palmer visited and addressed the Encampment. A public meeting was

held at the State House during the evening, when addresses were made by Blufford Milson, Gov. Fifer, Gov. Oglesby, and other distinguished men. The officers elected were: Dep't Com., Ed Harlan; Marshall; S. V. C., W. F. Kenega, Kankekee; Chap., W. H. Cochran, Lovington; Medical Direc-tor, J. R. Corbus, Chicago; J. V. C., A. L. Schimpff, Peoria; Council of Administration, Louis Krughoff, Nashville; A. D. Cadwalinder, Lincoln; W. H Venable, Maconden; T. W. Cole, Rockford; O. Favery, Pontiac.

### DEPARTMENT NEWS.

COLORADO AND WYOMING .-

George Washington Post, 85, Denver, celebrated its first anniversary on April 6. After one year's sincere and enthusiastic work the Post starts gredited with 63 members. Nearly \$600 have been received by the Quartermaster, \$500 of which has been paid out for Post expenses and charity. Credit is due the W.R.C., S. of V. and L.A.S., who have added greatly to the prosperity of the Post. The ball was crowded in honor of the occasion. The exercises consisted in songs and short ad- | Railroad was full of interest, and stirring incidents dresses, after which refreshments were served. t is authorpated that Memorial Day services will be held in Carnegle Hall. Mayor Grant will probably be the presiding officer, and the address of the evening will be delivered by an eminent orator. having been wantonly set on fire by the Johnnies Commanders of Posts, officers of veteran associations and other military organizations should send about to overtake them. Such an act was in com-In their reports to Grand Marshal Samuel Collins, Springler Clouse, Fourteenth street and University Place, as soon as possible, giving the probable number of men they will have in the parade. Besides the city Posts a number of visiting Posts are | with his shattered battalions who had followed his expected to join in the annual ceremony. The Federal troops stationed in and about New York have been invited by the Memorial Committee to biless aid in making the day memorable by arge its customary functions as escort to the

G. W. Shelton, Adjutant, Tie Siding: Alexander gre t Republic.

The 10th Mass, battery held its annual Reunion The 10th Mass, battery held its annual Reunion The 10th Mass. to which be may have joined to communicate with

ILLINOIS .-

George M. Myers Post, 182 Lincoln-Com., Sol. R. Smith; S. V. C., Alex. Downing; J. V. C., Isaac Wirt; Q. M., Jacob Hoover; O. D., H. C. Parker; O. G., Ellis R. Thompson; Chap. E. D. Wilkins; Adj't., James Hill; Q. M. S., A. D. Cadwallader; Serg't-Maj., Wm. A. Corwine.

The 13th annual Encampment, held in Fort Wayne, elected the following-named comrades to the offices designated; Com., Joseph B. Cheadle, Frankfort; S. V. C., Philemon Dickerson, Fort Wayne; J. V. C., George H. Koch, New Albany; Medical Director, J. M. Jones, Cataract; Chap., C. P. Riley, Fairmount, Council, W. H. Keller, Evansviile; H. H. Ragon, Lowell; H. B. Make-peace, Indianapolis; W. F. Medsker, Cambridge City: Nimrod Headington, Portland, Comrades Irvin Robbins and O. R. Weaver having, by their weal and fidelity in the performance of their duties, shown themselves fully entitled to the confidence of their comrades, they have been retained in their former positions as Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General, respectively. The following additional appointments are announced by the Department Commander: Dep't Inspector, Hugh Espy, Risky Sun; Judge Advoeate, B. F. Williams, Wabash; Chief Mustering Officer, George W. Miller, Terre Haute; Color-Bearer, Andrew J. Frybarger, Noblesville; Senior Aid-de-Camp, David F. Allen, Frankfort. The Encampment directed that a committee of five should be appointed to secure the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Gov. Alvin P. Hovey. The committee will consist of the fol-

lowing comrades: I. N. Walker, Indianapolis; James B. White, Fort Wayne; David A. Coulter, Frankfort; T. J. Chariton, Pininfield; William The Encampment transacted a large amount of business. Among the more important things done was that of favorably recommending the establishment of a State Soldiers' Home, for the admission of soldiers, their wives and widows. The Eucampmeet unanimously protested against the removal

of charges of desertion by Congress, and restoring to the rolls, upon an equality with honorablydischarged soldiers, those who deserted us in the

Boss Wible Post, 549, Livonia-Com., O. L. Hays; M. V. C., W. R. Wible; J. V. C., E. B. Stephenson;

Adj't, J. M. Redus; Q. M., W. M. Greenslade; Chap., J. K. Howard; Serg't-Maj., Silas Hoar; Q. M. S., Green Huff. John M. Wilson Post, 112, Bunker Hill-Com., W. W. Robbins; S. V. C., David Apgar; J. V. C., Jacob A. Metzgar; Adj't, John W. Reder; Chap., Jacob Wangler; Q. M., Robert C. Foor; Surg., John G. Hochstedler; Q. M. S., Wm, H. Busey. Morgan Post, 15, Petersburg-Com., George W. Pinney; S. V. C., Daniel Darnell; J. V. C., Jesse Battles; Q. M., John M. White; Adj't, Richard Penny; Q. M. S., Richard Spillman; Chap., Clay Lemons; Surg., Dr. A. R. Byers; Q. M. S., R. B.

KANSAS,-Post 71, Topeka, has been presented with a gavel encircled by a silver band, on which is the following inscription: "This gavel is made from the original floor of Libby Prison, and presented to Topeka Post, 71, G.A.R., the banner Post of the Department of Kansas, 1892, by Libby Prison War Custer Post, 6, Leavenworth-Com., George Mc-Kenna; S. V. C., J. C. Kitchison; J. V. C., O. R. McNary; Q. M., F. G. Markhart; Adj't, J. C.

Walkenshaw: Chap., Thos. Bammer. Woodson Post, 185, Yates Center—Com., B. F. Gebhart; S. V. C., John W. Park; J. V. C., W. D. Carter; Q. M., George W. Beal; Chap., J. W. Rankin; Surg., Dr. G. W. Turner. Chattanooga Post, 291, Peorla-Com., W. T. Jones; S. V. C., R. A. Thompson; J. V. C., John Robinson; Q. M., John Casey; O. D., L. T. Blake; O. G., John Mann; Chap., Thomas Dixon.

MARYLAND .-Senior Vice Commander George T. Hill, Northeast: Wingate Post having appointed a committee to solicit and receive contributions to liquidate the mortgage on their hall, I, as Chairman of Committee, will receive any contributions sent, and place the name of such sender on subscription-book, and acknowledge all such by letter.

MASSACHUSETTS .-John Bagley, jr., Lowell: At the last regular meeting of J. A. Garfield Post, 120, we had a rousing Campfire, with invited guests, composed of city officials and members of Posts 42 and 185 of Lowell. We had speaking and story-telling from Councilman many present during the evening. Marston informed us of a gift of \$500 left to the Post by Edwin T. Wilson, lately deceased, I say "God bless such a man," I wish we had more of them. We are all getting ready to go to Washington in September. I expect the three Posts of Lowell will turn out 400 strong. The city has built a handsome memorial building, in which, when finished, we expect to have rooms. O. H. P. Sargent Post, 152, Essex-Com., Albert Andrews; S. V. C., Edward W. Lander; J. V. C., William H. Andrews; Surg., Geo. A. Curtis; Chap., James B. Kimball; Q. M., Wen, Howe Burnham;

Adj't, F. Courad Shaller; S.-M., D. Brainerd Burnham; Q. M.-S., Constantine Burnham, Cory Post, 261, Wayne-Com., Peter C. Bird; S. V. C., H. A. Heywood; J. V. C., J. V. Cady; Chap., C. H. Scott; Surg., John Swegles; Adj't, A C. Howe; Q. M., T. S. Gunn; S.-M., Joe Smith;

Q. M.-S., Henry Loss. MINNESOTA .-D. F. Markham Post, 7, Marshall, had the honor of mustering Col. Sam. McPhail as a comrade of that Post, April 8. The Colonel is one of the bestknown men in Minnesota, It lacked but a few days of being the 50th anniversary of his muster ato the United States service, as he is a veteran of the Mexican war, and belonged to the regiment that Twiggs surrendered to the Confederacy, but unlike the majority of his comrades he refused to oin, and worked his way North and entered the Union service. Although born in Kentucky and raised in Louisiana, his sympathies were all for the old flag, and he stood by it. He was afterward Colonel of the 1st Minn, Cav. during the Indian outbreak in 1862, '63, and his work then is a matter of history. The Colonel is well-preserved, and

Geo. McKiuley Post, 92, Cannon Falls-Com., J. L. Scoffeld; S. V. C., D. Valentine; J. V. C., M. Doyle; Adit, W. F. Deline; Q. M., M. T. Opsol;

delights in talking of the old times and experiences

away Beach the other day, with these officers: Com., Anthony Smithy; S.V. C., S. J. Enscoe; J. V. C., Valentine Seaman; Chap., Henry Rau; Q. M., Thomas Jefferson Corning; O. D., Joe Margutroyd; O. G., S. L. Swimm; S. M., C. Conkel; Q. M. S., . Toomes; S. M., Joe Dwyer. After the officers were installed the Post was presented with a handsome flag and staff by the ladies of the Beach. Mrs. William H. Adams, during the war a nurse at the Soldiers' Hospital in Philadelphia, presented the Post with a stand of colors. The presentation speech was made by Rowland Seaman. A luncheon was served at a neighboring restaurant, to which the veterans marched through the streets, the line of march being decorated with bunting, flags, lanterns, and the old boys greeted by a fine display of fireworks. The address of the evening was made by Commander Smithy. Speeches were also made by R. Senman, Thomas J. Corning and Commander McGowen. The Post now has a mem-bership of 27 and eight applications on file. The Post will also organize a Camp of Sons of Veterans

J. S. Stone Post, 352, Saranac-Com., E. J. Pickett; S. V. C., H. Fifield; J. V. C., Mait Arnold; Adj't, J. H. Signor; Q. M., S. W. Parsons; O. D., J. H. Brissette; O. G., C. W. Ormsbre; Chap., G. bership of 32,641 on the last day of December, 1890.

As the chosen representative of 629 Posts, with a membership in good standing of 32,684, he reported membership in good standing of 32,684, he reported John C. Lasson Post, 642, Dresden Center—Com., George L. Clemons; S. V. C., Francis Bethalmew; J. V. C., Wm. McLaughlin; Adj't, Hiram Snady; Q. M., James Eastman; O. D., Thomas J. Corydon; Chap., Philander Odell.

OHIO.-Joe Hooker Post, 21, Mt. Vernon-Com., M. M.
Murphy; S. V. C., P. C. Lane; J. V. C., L. Hutchinson; Surg., A. Stokes; Chap., M. G. Phifer.
Wm. A. Brand Post, 98, Urbana-Com., T. G.
Keiler; S. V. C., H. H. Devo; J. V. C., James
Swisher; Chap., W. M. Whitaker; Surg., W. T.
Walker; Adj't, Colin McDonaid; Q. M., Charles
Lampe; S. M., John Mundel; Q. M. S., D. B. MoLampid

Goodrich Post, 22, Danville-Com., B.B. Brown; S. V. C., John H. Hunt; J. V. C., C. Discroad; Adf't, W. G. Kramer; Q. M., A. C. Angle; Surg., . C. Newbaker; Chap., M. Shires. Post 425, Bellwood-Com., J. I. Shaner; S. V. C. A. F. Alward; J. V. C., Peter Stiffler; Surg., J. B. Laird; Chap., J. S. Givin; Adj't, S. F. Forgeus; S. M., A. H. Smith; Q. M., Sellers Raugh; Q. M. S., R. H. Vandevander.

in A. Logan Post, 88, Orwell-Com., H. G. Hibbard; S. V. C., C. B. Goodrich; J. V. C., C. W. Spaulding; Surg., L. R. Hopkins; Chap., C. R. Lilly; Adj't, H. E. Hack; Q. M., J. F. Lillie; S. M., C. E. Abell; Q. M. S., H. H. Heitman,

FROM THE BAY STATE. What is Going on Among the Veterans of That Section.

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EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Memorles of 27 years ago have been crowding in upon me the last few days as I have been pushing along over portions of the road pursued by Lee in his last campaign. Every moment of my four and one-half hours' ride over the once much-coveted Southside of the last round-up at Appomattox Courthouse were frequently suggested. I had no difficulty in crossing the lofty plers of the bridge at Farmville, whose trestles when I last saw them were burning, as they stubbornly wrestled with the fates just plete harmony with the inexcusable wickedness which made that last campaign necessary. Saturday, April 9, I stood with my son at Appomattox Courthouse, where that great military chieftain fortunes under a banner with a strange device, saw Stripes waving in triumph above them, and recalling what occurred on that spot on that historie Sunday, we received, as it were, a new baptism of their presence. The Old Guard of this city will | patriotism and loyalty. It is a most inspiring spot, of which I may say more later, and I felt prouder reviewing officers at the grand stand in Madison than ever of even the humble part the writer had

Department of Colorado and Wyoming, G.A.R., and dinner at Young's Hotel, Boston, on Fast Day, by iransfer card from J. P. Reynolds Post, 33, was, April 7. The meeting was the most largely atafter careful investigation, dropped from the rolls | tended of any in its history, there being 55 present. of the G.A.R. for want of a military record. He Up to this date the Association has had but one now writes from Massachusetts to friends here President, Maj. J. Henry Sleeper, and one Secresaying he is once more a Grand Army man. It | tary, Lieut. Chas, E. Pierce. During the year Maj. would be for the good of the Order for the Post | Siceper has died. Vice-President William E. Endicott presided at the meeting which elected Lieut. this Post before admitting him too far in their con- | Chas. E. Pierce President, he having declined to serve longer as Secretary, and Augustus C. White was elected Secretary. A son of Maj. Sleeper was present as guest of the Association. The meeting was made unusually interesting by the presentation to the members of relies from the fight at Reams's Station, Va.; a battle in which the company lost 30 men, its guns, and all but six of its horses. The relies were forwarded for this purpose by a friend of the company, now living on the field. The reading of a letter from this friend, descriptive of the battlefield as she saw it the next day after the battle, developed the interesting fact to the veterans that Charles Mason, a swing driver who was shot in the top of the head as he lay by the side of his horses and was left for dead on the field, lived for 24 hours and was buried in a family lot three miles from the station, where the body still remains. He was a mere boy of 16 when he joined the battery as a recruit in the Winter of '64. Speeches from Maj. Milbrey Green and many

> ther of the veterans present closed a very successful gathering. In recent General Orders Department Commander Churchill announces his personal staff, the most imposing in numbers which the Department has ever seen. In one respect the Commander has fairly laid himself open to criticism. It is in allowing himself to use military titles. To say that Gen, David W. Wardrop and Col. William M. Strachan are appointed Aids is a breach of Grand Army principles which Comrade Churchill is too old a campaigner to commit. This is even worse than addressing comrades by titles of past rank in the Order. Both practices are objectionable, and should be discontinued by whomsoever

practiced.-B., Boston. Good for All Three.

The greatest good for the greatest number is the mark nimed at by all reformers, and to reach it secures the greatest acclaim of fame that can be had. It is a good thing for the consumer, for the manufacturer, for the newspapers, when an article of merit is put upon the market, is made known by newspaper advertising, and, through a series of years, proves its worth to lessen labor in millions of homes, profits the newspapers, and gives its makers a fair living. Pearline, the great washing powder manufactured by James Pyle & Sons, New York, has done all this. If it is not making labor easier at your home, it is your fault. Something of its history is made plain in an advertisement in another column.

Gleanings from National Headquarters--- Notes from the Departments.

THE ARMY NURSE BILL.

NOW PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS. Attention, friends, everywhere! The following is the text of the compromise Army Nurse bill now pending before Congress, as reported by the House Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The bill is the result of a conference between Relief Corps and the Army Nurse Association, which have heretofore been pressing different bills. Now, it is one thing to get a favorable report from the committee and quite another thing to pass the bill. The only way to secure its passage is by all hands joining together and pushing it through. Friends, comrades and Relief Corps members everywhere, should write their own members of Congress and ask them to vote for this bill Read the report of the committee carefully, and see if you cannot do something to put the bill through. And do it to-day. Do not wait until to-morrow; to-morrow may be too late. Do it at once, and do not forget the number of the bill-House bill

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That any woman who served as an Army Nurse in the actual personal care and nursing of the sick and wounded during the civil war, either in field or general hospitals of the United States, and who continued in such care and nursing of the sick and wounded not less than six months, and who is without other adequate means of support than her own daily labor, shall, upon making due proof of the fact, according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll of the United States and be entitled to receive \$12 per month; and such pension shall commence from the date of filing the appli-cation in the Pension Office after the passage of this act: Provided, That any pension granted, under any former law, to any applicant under this act, shall terminate from the date of commencement of the pension under this act: Provided, further, That no person now receiving a pension, as Army Nurse, under any special act, shall be entitled to receive a pension under this act.

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE. [To accompany H. R. 7294.] The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (II. R. 7294) granting pensions to Army Nurses, submit the following report: Prom the best authorities attainable, it is ascer tained that the number of persons who would become beneficiaries under this bill would not proba-

bly exceed 300, if, indeed, it would reach that num-The Association of Army Nurses, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., and the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States, have both been engaged, during the past two years, in conducting a thorough correspondence throughout the entire country, with a view to secure a complete list of such women as served as Army Nurses during the

While their lists do not absolutely harmonize, there is sufficient in their statements, when compared, to show that together they have secured the names and addresses of approximately the entire number of such nurses, and such correspondence does not secure a list even as large as that stated, 300, who could possibly become beneficiaries under this act.

This small band of noble women are the sole remaining representatives of a class of patriotic NEW YORK.
John Corning Post, 636, was mustered at Rock
In their service they knew no North, no South. As angels of mercy they came to care for and comfort both blue and gray. They ministered to the needs of the suffering everywhere. On field or in hospital their sweet voices were heard, and their gentle touch was given to assuage sorrow and

> even giving of their own means to relieve the sufferings of the sick and wounded soldiers. Others who received small payment for their services parted with that scanty sum of money to purchase food and medicine for the soldier boys under their charge. Many were broken down in health, and such, if

Many of them were women of wealth who left

comfortable homes and worked without pay; many

living to-day, are among the sufferers from that The benefits of this bill'apply only to such Army Nurses as "are without other adequate means of support than their own daily labor.

The claims for pensions have always been granted to this class, when presented to Congress, n the form of private bills, with proper evidence furnished; and both as a matter of economy and justice your committee recommend that the bill be amended as follows:

Strike out the word "every" in the third line of the bill, and insert in its stead the word "any"; strike out the word "are" in the seventh line, and insert in its stead the word "is." Also strike out the word "their" in the eighth line, and insert in its stead the word "her." And that as so amended the bill do pass. PENSION NOTES.

One of the busiest women in the land is Past National President Annie Wittenmyer, who has been doing effective pension work for private Army Nurse bills at Washington, as well as for the gen-Harriette L. Reed, Secretary of the National Pension Committee, who has been doing good work at Washington for the Army Nurse pension bill has

FROM MRS. WITTENMYER. DEAR TRIBUNE: Charlty Rosk Craig, Past National President, who had planned to spend part of the Winter in Washington with her father, Secretary Rusk, has been detained at home by the sickness of her children. Little Charity, who was adopted by the National W.R.C. at Milwaukee, has been very ill, but is now recovering, and is considered out of danger.

The Iowa Legislature has made a generous apprintion for the opening of cottages at the Soldiers' Home, for soldiers with their wives, and the mothers and widows of soldiers. An appropriation was also made for the erection of a soldiers' monument at Des Moines. Cantwell Corps, 155, Kenton, O., sent a barrel of canned fruit to the National W.R.C. Home recently

-peaches, pears, cherries, pickles, jellies and jam. It was a valuable present. The Provisional Department of Maryland has organized Corps at Grand Falls and Butte City, and are ready to institute a Corps at Mosula. They can now, when it suits their convenience, form a permanent Department. Stimpson Smith, an active W.R.C. worker, of

tional Home library. They are interesting and Annie Lynch, the eldest daughter of our Past National Secretary, has been dangerously ill, but is now convalescing. National Headquarters for the 10th National Convention have been secured at the Ebbitt House. Great preparations are being made for a W.R.C. fair at Pittsburg, for the benefit of their Home at Brookville, Pa.-Annie Wittenmyer, Washington.

Brooklyn, N. Y., has sent 10 volumes to the Na-

WOMAN TYPES OF THE AGE.

It is always inspiring to learn what the women of the far West are doing in the Relief Corps ranks, and the story that comes from Bozeman, Mont., of a joint Campfire of Wm, English Post and Corps is of more that usual interest. Of this occasion Mary E. Carlin, Corps Secretary, writes as follows: Of the little band of women who had so much hope, so much faith and moral courage, the charter members of the Woman's Relief Corps, too much cannot be said in praise. We who have joined you almost at the twelfth hour feel very numble in the presence of our foremothers of the Corps. Of the first officers of the Relief Corps what shall we say that will not sound like faint praise? To learn their new roles, to bring order apparently without a jar. The wheels are kept well lubricated with Fraternity, Charity and

May God in His infinite mercy spare us the horrors of another war; but if it should come, who can doubt that, from all over the land, and from the Woman's Relief Corps of Bozeman town, there will come women equal to any demands made upon them. Woman is always typical of her age and the times she lives in; and though the times may not call for any of us to emulate the deeds of the inspired shepherd girl of France, Joan of Arc. at the head of armies, there will be many a Florence Nightingale and no lack of Clara Bartons Perchance some will write the hymns of the Nation, and one has said "Let me but write the songs of the Nation, I care not who writes her laws." To many will fall that hardest part of woman, to sit at home, to wait and pray; maybe crooning s lullaby to the future heroes and heroines of the land. But whatever it is, we shall be ready and

equal to the call. DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

The ninth annual Convention, Department of Ohio, will be held at Piqua, May 10; sessions to be held in the Presbyterian church. Since last General Orders, Corps have been instituted at Leesburg, Georgetown, Oak Harbor, Crooksville, Sandusky, and Frazeysburg. In a circular order, Department President McQuiston presents a list of Corps contributing to the Soldiers' Home Band, two-thirds in all, and urges delinquent Corps to send in their mites before Department Convention, and thus enable the Soldiers' Home Committee to come out square, Earl Milliken Corps leads the list with \$10.52; Memorial Corps is second, with \$10, and Forsyth Corps third, with a \$9 gift. If every Corps would do proportionally well, the entire amount of the purchase fund would be met, and a nice margin over.

OHIO SOLDIERS' HOME. Department President Mary A. McQuiston, of Ohio, recently visited the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Sandusky, and thus records her impressions of the hospital with a list of its needs, to the Relief Corps Records:
The hospital has room for 100 patients and is crowded to the utmost. Here we were met by Mrs. Price, the bright, cheery little Matron, Mrs, Price is a member of Corps 26, and always glad to see W.R.C. workers. The pale, wan faces that told of so much suffering, and all that this Government might still exist. The hospital chair bought by

ferer is in constant use and he blesses the W.R.C. Another said to Mrs. Price: "I wonder if the ladies would get me a chair." He has to lie all the time because there is no chair for him. Now, sisters, here is an opportunity to bring cheer. Will not some Corps or District make this a special object and get a chair, value about \$25, for this man, that he may have some sunshine amid his suffering? We hope to have a prompt response to this call.

The W.R.C. ward, with the bright, pretty quilts sent by the Corps, was next visited, and to the member of 222, Prairie Depot, we would say, if you could see the pride and comfort your quilt brings, with the names all worked upon it, you would feel amply repaid. The possessor said: "I know this man; and this one fell in such a battle." Each name was a memory. And just a word here; make your wash quilts of bright pieces that will not fade when laundried, and three-fourths size. Chaircushions are a necessity, and slippers, size six to nine, and socks. The State furnishes two pairs of socks every six months to these invalids. Now, you know they cannot be comfortable, they need the National Pension Committee of the Woman's | that many a day sometimes. It was with pride we were shown the supply of jellies, fruits, etc., sent by the various Corps. Mrs. Price said: "I never was so well supplied, and I would have nothing of this if not for the Relief Corps."

When we returned from the cottages to the main building, music greeted us, and we were privileged to hear the fine instruments bought by the Corps of this Department, and if every one could see and hear for themselves, none would regret the "Memorial mite" contributed. Prof. Miller thinks they are more than good, and takes great pleasure in explaining and making music for the guests. Several kindly words were expressed for Mrs. Sherwood, and the remark " If it were not for the Relief Corps, we would not have anything." Again we want to impress all with the needs of the boys; they cannot live long. Let us make them comfortable while here. What Corps will send this chair? And don't forget cushions, slippers, size six to nine, and quilts three-fourths size. Send to Mrs. Price, Matron; and also send us a list, that credit may be given you.

A PLEA FOR VETERANS' WIVES. The following is from General Orders of Department Commander Warner of Ohio: "A bill has been introduced in the Senate of Ohio to provide a cottage at the Home in Sandusky for comrades and their wives, so that in their declining years the veteran and his good and faithful wife may not be separated. To state the case is to present the argument therefor. This bill commends itself to the intelligence of all good citizens as an act of undoubted justice and right. While the soldier was fighting the battles of his country, the devoted wife was often engaged in a direful conflict with want and trouble at iome. Reunited after the war, they continued together the struggle for existence, with loving hearts and steadily-weakening hands. But the time comes on apace when, unable longer to provide for themselves, they must separate. The soldier can go to the comfortable Home at Sandusky; the good old wife must go to the poorhouse. This has already occurred in many instances. Shall this be in Ohlo? Comrades, use all the influence you have with your Representative in the Legisla-ture to pass this bill at once. Be urgent and determined, and adopt strong resolutions in this matter, and another wrong will be righted by your efforts in this grand old State of Ohio.'

HOW THE CHILDREN GAVE. "Play up the Union rally! Play up both loud and One heart, one hope, one faith, one flag, shall be

our slogan still; Play up the 'March Through Georgia,' your merriest music play; Play up the great Grand Army, forever and for This is how the Department President of Ohio

introduces the memorial mite donations to the Ohio Corps. Heading the special donations is Miss Maxon and public schools in Gallipolis, This is Hannah U. Maxon, a loyal Ohio woman, who rendered important service to the Ohio sick an army rendezvous during the war, and who is now an active worker in the Relief Corps. Here is the story of how it was done, and may it serve

as an incentive to other teachers and pupils to

work for the soldier cause: "It was the day for rhetorical exercises. I asked the Superintendent if he had any objection to our having a "Grand Army Day." He said he did not care. The haversacks were gathered, nearly every child in the two rooms took part. We sang Rally Round the Flag,' 'Battle Hymn of the Ropublic,' 'Public Schools of Columbia,' 'The Soldier Boy, etc. I wrote the words on the board with red, white and blue crayon. We did have such a nice time. With children there must be an object. I told them about the Soldiers' Home Band. They all felt they would like to give something, so we decided upon this; everyone was to bring either two potatoes or two cars of corn. I was to sell them for what I could, then I was to double. As a result I had \$2 to send. It was not much, but given with the true spirit of love for our country and her noble defenders."

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA. The ninth annual Convention, Department of Indiana, was very successful and harmonious, and Department President Laura Hess retired with well-won honors, after a year of earnest work. The following officers were installed: Pres., Ida McBride, Elkhart: S. V.-P., Ella D. Zimm, Indianapolis; J. V.-P., Julia Kintz, Fort Wayne; Treas., Mary Tuseley, Elkhart; Chap., Elizabeth Miller, Muncle; Sec., Carrio E. Harper, Elkhart.

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA. DEAR TRIBUNE: The ninth annual Convention of this Department has but recently closed its three days' session, which was most admirably presided over by one who now gracefully wears the honors of Past Department President, honors earned by the faithful discharge of every duty. Ruth H. Thomas has been succeeded by Sara E. Holmes, of Plankinton, who, with the following staff, will guide the affairs of this Department for the coming year: S. V.-P., Sophronia M. Lucas, Hot Springs; J. V.-P., Sarah N. Webster, Parker; See'y, Agnes Egan, Plankinton; Treas., Sarah E. andria; Counselor, Ruth H. Thomas, Fort Bennett; Inspector, Mary L. Thayer, Sloux Falls; I. and I. Officer, Libbie A. Wardall, Huron. Execu-

tive Board, Emma F. Robinson, Mitchell; Adda Deering, Plankinton; Louise P. Hauser, Aberdeen; Hayes, Pierre; and Elizabeth Anderson, Since the establishment of the Soldiers' Home at Hot Springs and the admission to its privileges of 82 men who were among the "boys" of '61 to 65, this Department has received a new Impetus. Its members feel that this Home presents a field of labor which appeals directly to them, and they will not fail to respond-yea, loyally, self-sacrificingly, cheerfully. The more so, that it is under the direct supervision of those in whom the W.R.C. repose entire confidence, Col. W. V. Lucas and wife, than whom the Union soldier never had truer, more de-

Iroquois Corps, 45, Iroquois, organized Feb, 13-Mattie L. Hoppin, President-gave an initial social | OHIO. netting \$20. A number of comrades and members of the Relief Corps, on their return from Convention, were detained by the non-arrival of the train, and the Corps, hearing of this, sent a committee to the hotels, who invited the travelers to their hall, insisting upon making them guests of honor. The generous guests, in turn, made up a purse among themselves, which they presented to the young Corps in a peat speech. The occasion proved all Corps in a nent speech. the more enjoyable from its spontaneity. Emma F. Robinson, President of Ransom Corps, 11. Mitchell, writes of the removal of two valuable members of Post and Corps, Mr. and Mrs. Vander-bogart, to California, and of a joint meeting to bid them a Godspeed. A large number were present. and after an hour or two of social converse, refreshments were served, and our departing members were presented with a very beautiful silver fruit-basket. The presentation speech was made

by Col. Silsby, and was responded to by the replents with more tears than words. Kilpatrick Post and Corps, Huron, gave a grand charity ball and supper, from which they netted \$100, to be divided equally between Post and Corps, The Corps recently celebrated its eighth anniversary.-Leila L. Smith.

ALL ALONG THE LINE. "Mother" Bickerdyke expects to attend the Encampment at Washington. Although about 80 years old, she recently made the trip from Russell, Kan., where she resides with her son, Prof. Blokerin a business-like manner, all this must have redyke, to Oregon, Mo., to visit Dr. Goslin, with veteran soldiers who served in the Union army of quired mountains of patience and perseverance. There must have been hours dark and full of perplexity. Happily those times seem past. This on the way. She draws a pension of \$12 a month. plexity. Happily those times seem past. This complex machine called the Relief Corps moves secured through the efforts of Gen. Logan. Comrade Irven Lane and his wife, South Hanson, Mass., keep the wolf from the door by gathering and cleaning the beautiful scalloped sea-shells that make such lovely needle books, when joined together by a bit of velvet and hung up by a ribbon. Comrade Lane served from the firing on Fort Sumter in 1861 until Lee's surrender in 1865; was wounded in the spinal cord, and does his work under great difficulties. His pension is small, and he has three small children to support, .. He belongs to the Grand Army and his wife to the Relief Corps, and together they are doing their best to make an honorable living. The Editor has some of the shells, and they are just lovely; price \$1.50 per 100, C. O. D., or 50 cents a dozen. It would pay some enterprising Corps to secure these shells, make them up into needle books and sell them for the benefit of the relief fund.

Read "Better than a Pension." See page 4. Power of Association. [Indianapolis Journal.]

Mrs. Figg-I have punished Tommy again and again for getting into the jam, but there really seems no stopping him. Mr. Figg-I think I can fix him. Just use the jam for him to take his medicine in for two or three days.

Mr. Jay Gould and family, accompanied by Vice-Presidents S. H. H. Clark, of the Union Pacific Rallway, John A. Grant, of the Texas and Change of Life. It will Pacific Railway, and others, recently spent two days in the Pecos Valley of New Mexico. Before leaving, Mr. Gould gave out the following statement for the press:
"After passing through the Pecos Valley from

the crossing of the Texas and Pacific Railway to Eddy, New Mexico, I am impressed with the wonderful richness of the soil, with the peculiar adaptation of this valley for irrigation, and with its ample supply of water. This will soon become one of the richest valleys in the United States. am particularly interested in the effect of the dry, pure air on branchial troubles. Speaking from personal experience, there is no better region than this for persons thus affected; the effect is immediate and improvement rapid." Vice-Presidents Clark and Grant were equally

enthusiastic in their praise of the valley and of the

News from the Various Divisions. Elections of Officers, etc.

GOOD OF THE ORDER. A Brother Objects to So Many Changes by National

Encampments.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Kindly permit a Brother of the Order, though but a high private, to say a few words on a subject of rather more than ordinary interest. Being so unfortunate as not to be a delegate to either the Division or National Encampment, and very desirous of presenting my views on certain topics, I employ this means to pre sent my motion to the Order in general. Permit me to make a motion, as follows: It is moved that "the National and Division Encampments be held every two years, and that offlcers be selected to serve that length of time." With all due respect to the powers that be, and recognizing the great importance of an Encampment to discuss the various features and to provide for the best interest of the Sons of Veterans, I still feel that a Biennial Congress is sufficient to accomplish all necessary reforms.

It seems to me that an annual Encampment at a time when the Order is in a flourishing condition, with Rules and Regulations well defined, with Camp, Division, and National organizations well equipped, is not only unnecessary but absolutely harmful. The evident purpose of an Encampment to act in some way, even though a change be entirely

without purpose, will lead to a result which may be far from our welfare. To give an example: The last National Encampment reformed our Camp Ritual. Brothers, de you not believe the old better than the new? The last National Encampment reformed the titles of our officers. Which of you would not rather be a Captain than a Camp Commander? The semimilitary feature is almost entirely destroyed, and in its place we have a civil organization without a practical aim or purpose. This endless changing of our Rules, Regulations,

and Rituals results in nothing but the greatest confusion, and in time will postively injure our standing. Therefore, and consequently, I rise and make a motion for Biennial National and Division En-campments. Do I hear a second?-Emil Hartmann, Camp 28, St. Louis, Mo.

THE DIVISIONS.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE. C. M. Bush, Mexico: Mexico Camp, 34, Division of Alabama and Tennessee, was organized in this city on Thursday night, March 21, 1892. The following officers were elected: Com., H. N. Gibson; S. V. C., L. D. Coppoek: J. V. C., Sam H. Carr; First Serg't, Henry L. Leyrer; Q. M. S., W. W. Blake; S. of G., Julius C. Bush; C. of G., Geo. S. Spreyer. These and eight others comprise the muster-roll of charter members.

Lincoln Camp 10, of Santa Cruz, mustered on May 2, 1891. Since that time it has been moving forward, and at present seems to have a bright future before it. Officers: Com., W. A. Horton; S. V. C., H. P. Place; J. V. C., Alex. Campbell; Chap., E. H. Houck; First Serg't, Charles Houck; Q. M., Oliver H. Veatch; S. of G., W. L. Richardm; C. S., B. J. Blaisdell; Corp'l, Harvey Mead; C. G., Harry Brink; P. G., R. White.

MASSACHUSETTS. The annual inspection of Massachusetts Division | ciety. has fairly begun, and the following-named brothers have been assigned to the duty of inspecting the Camps in this Division: Division Inspector, C. D. Rooney; Assistant Inspectors, G. S. Went- show their appreciation of that work. Let us worth, of Canton; Senlor Vice Division Commander | organize for that purpose, and in so doing we Walter H. Delano, of Sharon; Junior Vice Division | antagonize no other Orders, but do all we can Commander Albert C. Blaisdell, of Lowell; S. A. Pickering, H. D. Sissons, Fred E. Bolton, D. W. Colourn, N. E. Bridges, Past Colonel W. A. Stevens, H. A. Corbin, Levi J. Brooks, jr., N. C. Upham, D. B. Purbeck, J. W. Webster, H. S. Crossman, F. . Chandler, M. W. Lawrence, E. E. Lincoln, A. Upton, C. H. Schoffeld, G. F. Hodges, C. F. O'Brien, J. Q. A. Cushman and P. H. Donaghue, George A. Custer Camp, 11, of Whitman, was inspected Friday evening by Assistant Inspector G. . Wentworth, of Canton. Within the past week Senior Vice Division Commander Walter H. Delane, of Sharon, has sustained the loss, by death, of his father-in-law and an aunt, and his wife and little three year old boy are both confined to their beds with serious illness. Brother Delano has the sympathy of a host of friends in this hour of his affliction. Past Commander E. L. Payne celebrated his 42d birthday at his residence, at Randolph, on Monday

evening. A large number of invited guests, including members of the G.A.R., W.R.C. and Sons of Veterans were present to tender the genial host their congratulations.
Col. Fletcher Webster Camp, 47, Canton, was inspected by Junior Vice Division Commander A. C. Blaisdell, of Lowell, Wednesday evening. Acting under the orders of his physician, Divis-

ion Commander Chas. K. Darling will take a brief rest from his official duties at Division Head-Past Chief Mustering Officer Geo. W. Penniman will deliver the Memorial Day oration at Hanover, Mass., May 30. Brother Penniman is the popular candidate from Massachusetts for Delegate-at-Large to the Commandry-in-Chief Convention to

be held at Helena, Mont. MONTANA. The Division Commander would call the attenon of Camps in this Division to the fact that the National Encampment takes place at Helena next August. This should be considered an honor to be appreciated by the Division, as well as by Camp I. and the Commander would suggest that each Camp Locke, Plankinton; Chap., Abi S. Huntley, Alex-andria; Counselor, Ruth H. Thomas, Fort Ben-ceeds of which to go toward helping entertain our visitors. He takes the liberty of making this suggestion without the knowledge or consent of Camp , but he deems it only justice to the other Camps to be allowed to help make this Eucampment the most successful ever held by the Order. Camp Commanders, write to Commander Votaw, Chairman of the Excutive Committee, at Helena, and see if you cannot do something in this matter. The following is the consolidated report of the Adjutant for quarter ending Dec. 31: Number in good standing at date of last report, 6 Camps, 166 nembers; gained by organization and muster in, 1 Camp, 23 members; transfer, 2 members; reinstatement, 1 Camp, 16 members, Aggregate, 8 Camps, 207 members. Lost by death, 1 member; honorable discharge, I member; suspension, 1 Camp, 23 members. Total loss, 1 Camp, 25 mem-

bers. Remaining in good standing 7 Camps, 182 members. Earnshaw Camp is on the boom for sure this year, and expects to be the banner Camp in a very short time if the good work keeps up. The Camp has from one to five musters at every meeting with good attendance. The Camp is very busy at present making the necessary arrangements for Memorial Day. The members go in the morning to the National Soldiers' Home and assist the veterans in the services there, and in the afternoon they turn out with the G.A.R. in Dayton, go to Woodland Cemetery, and assist there. In the evening they go to the Grand Opera House and have services there. They also have a representative of the Order to give an address in the person of Past Colonel E. Howard Gilkle. Earnshaw Camp has n connection a good Ladies' Aid Society in a prosperous condition, and a company of Guards just mustered into the regiment.

Read "Better than a Pension." See page 4.

Repulous.

James H. Smith, Secretary, Newark, O.: The Ohlo State Association of Mexican War Voterans hold their 18th annual Reunion in Chillicothe, O., May 11 and 12. The latch-string is out to all vetcrans and friends. John E. Bickel, Co. C. 11th Ind., Terre Haute, Ind.: The Camp Fisher Happy Family Mess, 1, is now nearly completed. The limited number is 50, composed of honorably-discharged three years' was an interesting one by recalling old Camp fifth. Ezra Batcheller Post, 51, G.A.R., were our jokes and scenes of the late war. The members of guests. the organization adopted a resolution and a committee of six were appointed to soileit and raise funds for the purpose of purchasing a United States regulation silk flag, to be used by our or-ganization, and especially to carry to Washington next September.

Better Than Thanks. [Street & Smith's Good News.] Mamma-Did you thank Mr. Nicefello when he gave you that silver dollar? Little Boy-Yes'm-that is, sorter. Mamma-What did you say?

Little Boy-I tole him nex' time he kissed Sis I wouldn't tell.

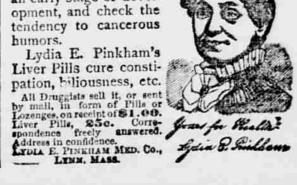
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EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE:



HE National President of our Order is 6 Mrs. J. S. Mason; the National Secretary, Josephine Munholland. The Headquarters are at Medina, O. Briefly stated, the

principles and objects are a firm belief in Almighty God, by whose grace and favor our National unity has been preserved to us; an unswerving fidelity to our Government, and a deep-seated appreciation of the sacrifices our fathers, husbands, and brothers made to preserve it; to assist the Sons of Veterans in keeping green the memories of our soldiers, by helping to observe the greatest of all our National holidays-Memorial Day; to assist the Sons of Veterans in all their objects, financially, socially, and otherwise; to assist the Grand Army, also, as far as possible, to care for their sick and disabled comrades; to inculcate true patriotism and love of country throughout the land.

As the L. A. S. is the only authorized auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, why should not every Camp have one? If the W.R.C. is good for the G.A.R., why is not an Aid Society just as good for the Camp? Boys, it grades you one higher on your inspection to have an Aid So-"The women of the war" showed their pa-

for the parent Orders, the Grand Army and the Relief Corps. If our fathers, husbands, and brothers could fight to save this country, we should strive to continue to all time the glorious institutions thus preserved. We are certainly deeply in-

triotism then, and this generation is anxious to

terested and only wait opportunity to do our Several other States are nearly ready to organize, and as there are yet two months before the June Encampments held by many of the Divisions, a little energy would accomplish it. All our Division Encampments are held in conjunction with the Sons, and cannot fail to add

interest to such an occasion. We hope that every Division Encampment, as well as every Society in the country, will provide a way to send full delegations to our next National Encampment, which will be held in Helena, Mont., in August next, with that of the Sons of Veterans. This will be the occasion of a lifetime, and will make a trip that will afford many opportunities for pleasure as well as for good work in our cause, which you may never again enjoy. Let it be remembered that every member of our Order is cordially invited to be present.

Let me call your attention to the facts that there are 250 Societies, with nearly 8,000 members; 10 Divisions are fully organized; New York and Maine will organize in June; Soclety No. 2, Portland, Me., reports 106 members; one Society in Philadelphia is second, with 104 members; No. 56, of Toledo, O., stands third, with nearly 100 members; Camps of the Sons of Veterans baving a good, lively Aid Society are the loudest in their praises of the Order.-Mrs. J. S. MASON.

M., Rockford, Ill.: Ladles' Aid Society 26 is prospering under the able management of its President, Miss Tillie Huber, daughter of Fred Huber, Co. A, 12th Ill. Cav. The Society and Camp get along most harmoniously together. The Society meets twice a month, and they have interesting meetings. At the beginning of each quarter the President details a committee of three as an Entertainment Committee. which prepares an entertainment for every meeting during the quarter, which so far have been very agreeable to all. During this Winter at every meeting a brother of the Camp has gotten up a paper and read it, each one having some fine literary points, and then the members come in for a "roasting," which greates a great deal of amusement. Then we have music by violin, organ, guitar, and banjo, vocal solos, duets, trios and quartets. Then readings, recitations and short talks by the sisters, brothers and comrades. After which, those who wish to trip the light fantastic toe for an hour, can do so. Those who do not care for dancing pass the time in social converse and games, the object being to have something to please all. The social part is held with open doors, the friends being invited to participate with them. The Society, a short time ago. sent to the Illinois Woman's Soldiers' Home. at Chicago, a Home for the old veteran and wife, a large barrel of useful articles-several new quilts, head-rests, foot-rests, books, papers, magazines, and several other useful articles. It has also sent articles to the Home at Quincy, and to the State Orphans' Home. The Society is not a large one, but its members do all that it is possible for them to do with their

limited means, and it is bound to flourish. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I wish to write a few lines for THE NATIONAL TEIRUNE, which has found the way into our home for several years. As a member of the L.A.S., 4, Joe Hooker Camp.

The entertainment consisted of songs, recitations, a farce, and refreshments. Remarks by Brother Capt. Chas. S. Dickinson, our Judge-Advocate. The Camp and Society are in a very prosperous In the Ladies' Aid Society we have 25 members. all in good standing. Applications for membership are received at each meeting. As an organi-

zation we are young and inexperienced. I will say, however, for the benefit of other L.A.S., that may feel discouraged that there have been times with us when we have fully realized that dying interest was a hard thing to revive. If the officers are well chosen, and can perform the duties that devolve upon them with executive ability, and if harmony exists and a kindly feeling toward all, putting aside all petty personal feelings that create discord, there is no reason why the Ladies' Aid Society cannot prosper. Our Society is very fortunate. We have a very efficient President in Mrs. May Griffin, also the Massachusetts Division President, Mrs. S. A. Davis is a member who labors with untiring energy to promote the best good for the Ladies' Ald So

different societies.
We have introduced into our meetings two things, which make our floor-work more impressive, music (generally a march), while the work is going on, and the Guide responds to the roll-call, which we like much better. I sincerely wish that the members of different societies would write from time to time, as it is very helpful in many ways. It brings us nearer to each other in F. C. and L .- Isabel C. Walker, Secretary L.A.S., 4, and Division Treasurer, North

clety. We are particularly fortunate in our Judge-

Advocate, C. S. Dickinson, whose executive

ability has won him many places of honor in

He Had Been Tried. [Texas Siftings.] A Texas gentleman applied to a friend for information in regard to a certain man whom he wished to employ on his ranch. "Is he honest and reliable?" "I should say so. He

times for stealing horses and he got clear every time," was the reply. See notice " Patchwork Pictures of the War" on another page.

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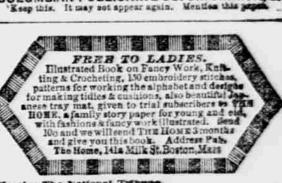
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